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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AIR FORCE
BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

Reg. No. 1459
R. S. No.

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1 October 1944.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary, September 1944.
Reference: (a) Pac Fleet conf. ltr. 2CL-44.
Enclosure: (A) Monthly Operation Summary, September 1944.

1 September

ORGANIZATION

(a) Administrative:

Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Fleet Air, West Coast.
Commander Fleet Airships, Pacific
and Commander, Fleet Airship Wing Three.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - Tillamook, Oregon.
Lieutenant Commander William R. Peeler, USN.

(b) Operational:

Commander, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Force 116)
Commander, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task
Group 116.3)
Commander Aircraft, Northwestern Group, Western Sea
Frontier. (Task Unit 116.3.1)
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - NAS Tillamook, Oregon.
5 ZNP: K-71, K-79, K-87, K-103, K-119.

Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three also conducts operations from NAAS, North Bend, Oregon and NAAS, Quillayute, Washington. Operations during September consisted mainly of escort and patrol operations within the Northwestern Sector of the Western Sea Frontier. The average daily availability as of the close of the month is four airships, three of which are customarily utilized for escort missions or patrols and one for operational training flights.

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8 September

The K-87, pilot Suhr, during a period of approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours, took for short flights 61 of the personnel based at NAAS, Quillayute, Washington.

11 September

Employing gear consisting basically of a winch and a modified Mark IV life raft, the K-79, pilot Lt. Comdr. Peeler, retrieved 200 lbs. ballast from the mat.

12 September

Employing the same gear as described under entry of 11 September, the K-79, pilot Lt. Comdr. Peeler, retrieved a man from the mat.

13 September

Employing the above described gear, the K-79, pilot Lt. Comdr. Peeler, picked up a man adrift at sea in a life raft. On a later run on the same day the K-79 retrieved a man swimming at sea.

14 September

Using the above mentioned rescue gear, the K-79, pilot Lt. Comdr. Peeler, retrieved a man from a small field.

18 September

The K-103, pilot Chrisler, was ordered to search for a fisherman's body in the vicinity of Cape Foulweather, results were negative.

19 September

The K-119, having received repairs at NAS Moffett Field, returned to this squadron and resumed operations.

22 September

The K-71, pilot Chrisler, while on an operational training flight, was ordered to conduct a search for a crashed plane in the vicinity of the Nehalem river. After a search for an hour, the K-71 was ordered to return to base on receipt of information that the report of the loss of the plane was erroneous.

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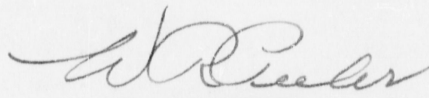
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Training during the month of September has been conducted within this command as heretofore. On operational training flights and on patrols, exercises in the use of the YG, YK, and DAB have been conducted.

Training on the ground has consisted, in part, of instruction in aerology, blinker, code, ship and plane recognition, and link trainer.

The athletic program consisting of calisthenics, swimming and games has been conducted as heretofore.

Combat crews have been trained in the use of the Mark VII and the Mark IV life rafts by simulating actual conditions as nearly as possible. The exercise has consisted of having the members of a crew jump from a Coast Guard boat into the waters of Tillamook Bay, climb aboard the raft and navigate for a short period of time.


W. R. PEELER

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1944
(MONTH)

Reg. No. 1159

R. S. No.

DESIGNATION:

OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER

OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-44 (SERIAL 013) NWSEC WSP

ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 5 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT:

NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON

NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, QUILLAYUTE, WASHINGTON (ADVANCED OPERATING BASE #1)

NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, NORTH BEND, OREGON (ADVANCED OPERATING BASE #2)

D A T E	S H I P	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE- OFF	HOURS		AVE WIND VEL. (KTS)	DIR	S P D	D I S T.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
					IN AIR	ON MISS- ION							
1	K-71	ENS HAYNES (8)	PATROL	0733	10.0	9.7	20	360t	50	450	15-25, 1000-2000, 10-20	1 FLOAT LIGHT 1 BRONZE SLICK 4 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	
1	K-79	LT. COMDR. ODELL (13)	TEST	0835	1.6	1.6	13	340t	45	65	12-15, 2000, 3-8	NONE	
1	K-79	ENS. NICHOLAS (13)	TRAINING	1037	.5	.5	18	320t	30	20	15-20, 2000, 20	NONE	
1	K-79	ENS. NICHOLAS (13)	TRAINING	1103	.4	.4	18	320t	30	20	15-20, 2000, 20	NONE	
1	K-79	ENS. NICHOLAS (14)	TRAINING	1132	1.7	1.7	18	320t	30	70	15-20, 2000, 20	NONE	
1	K-79	ENS. NICHOLAS (11)	TRAINING	1322	3.1	3.1	18	320t	30	130	15-20, 2000, 20	NONE	
1	K-79	LT(JG) BAILEY (10)	TRAINING	1636	5.7	5.7	12	340t	46	115	10-15, 2000, 20	65 RDS 50 CAL 10 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 BRONZE SLICK	
1	K-87	ENS MACKAY (8)	PATROL	0725	10.4	9.7	38	340t	35	325	40, 200-UNL, 0-30	NONE	
1	K-103	LT(JG) ZIMMEL (8)	PATROL	0650	10.7	10.4	32	340t	45	385	12-35, 600-2000, 18	1 FLARE 12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	
2	K-71	LT(JG) MARRIAGE (9)	PATROL	0730	11.6	11.3	30	360t	38	490	20-35, UNL, UNL	NONE	
2	K-79	LT(JG) LEWIS (9)	TRAINING	0904	4.1	4.1	7	340t	40	112	4-12, UNL, 12-16	60 RDS 50 CAL 12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 2 MK 17 BOMBS 1 DYE MARKER 3 FLARES	AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
2	K-79	ENS. BROOKS (8)	TRAINING	1317	4.2	4.2	15	375t	45	180	15, UNL, UNL	NONE	
2	K-79	LIEUT. LAUFENBERG (8)	TRAINING	1744	4.6	4.6	8	340t	40	170	10, UNL, 15-20	60 RDS 50 CAL 1 BRONZE SLICK 1 FLARE	
2	K-87	LT(JG) CARTON (8)	PATROL	0721	10.2	9.9	20	350t	45	452	20- UNL, 15-30	NONE	
2	K-103	LT(JG) LEVIN (9)	PATROL	0658	10.8	10.2	15	350t	47	421	10-20, 800, 10	60 RDS 50 CAL 12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	
3	K-71	ENS. HAYNES (9)	PATROL	0735	10.4	9.4	30	360t	35	300	10-35, UNL, 5-20	NONE	
3	K-79	LIEUT. LEIT (7)	TRAINING	0856	4.3	4.3	25	355t	46	150	13-25, 500-UNL, 4-15	9 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 2 FLARES	
3	K-79	ENS. NICHOLAS (6)	TRAINING	1317	4.3	4.3	23	355t	40	115	20-27, UNL, 10-15	150 RDS 50 CAL 20 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 BRONZE SLICK 3 FLOAT LIGHTS 1 MK 43 BOMB	AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
3	K-79	ENS. AYERS (8)	TRAINING	1740	4.5	4.5	15	330t	50	80	15, UNL, UNL	NONE	
3	K-87	ENS. MACKAY (9)	PATROL	0725	10.8	10.6	15	360t	45	475	13-15, 0-UNL, 0-30	NONE	
3	K-103	LIEUT. WERFEL (10)	PATROL	0646	11.0	10.0	16	360t	39	385	12-25, 300-UNL, 1-30	15 RDS 50 CAL	
4	K-71	LT(JG) GABBE (11)	PATROL	0733	9.4	8.9	20	045t	46	450	5-28, UNL, 0-30	5 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	
4	K-79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (9)	PATROL	0735	10.5	9.9	28	045t	45	480	28, UNL, 25	NONE	
4	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMMEL (9)	PATROL	0738	10.0	9.6	12	345t	51	538	4-20, UNL, UNL	61 RDS 50 CAL	
5	K-71	LT(JG) MARRIAGE (8)	PATROL	0731	8.1	7.7	7	120t	50	370	5-10, 0-300, 0-5	NONE	
5	K-79	LIEUT. RALSTON (10)	PATROL	0651	10.7	9.8	8	360t	50	575	5-10, UNL, 15-20	NONE	
5	K-79	ENS. KRETSCHEMER (9)	TRAINING	1751	4.7	4.7	6	360t	40	188	8-10, UNL, 20	NONE	
5	K-87	LT(JG) CARTON (9)	PATROL	0716	10.5	10.1	12	300t	54	638	5-18, UNL, UNL	16 RDS 50 CAL	
6	K-71	LT(JG) GABBE (9)	PATROL	0735	8.4	8.0	6	360t	40	375	2-9, 300-600, 1-6	2 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	
6	K-79	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (10)	PATROL	0706	10.5	9.9	9	270t	47	450	12, 300, 10	60 RDS 50 CAL 1 SMOKE BOMB	
6	K-79	LT(JG) CHIESLER (8)	TRAINING	1748	2.5	2.5	5	300t	45	100	5, 600, 5	NONE	
6	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMMEL (9)	PATROL	0722	8.6	8.2	11	300t	51	410	4-15, 0-900, 0-10	NONE	
6	K-87	LT(JG) CARTON (8)	UTILITY	1624	2.8	2.8	10	315t	63	175	10, 300, 2	NONE	
7	K-71	LT(JG) MARRIAGE (8)	PATROL	0730	10.0	9.5	10	360t	50	430	5-15, 300-1300, 1-15	NONE	
7	K-79	LIEUT. WERFEL (11)	PATROL	0844	9.2	8.3	8	360t	50	420	4-10, 300-900, 0-20	NONE	

NOTE. COLUMN 10 - AVE. GROUND SPEED IN KNOTS.

COLUMN 11 - TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN.

COLUMN 3 - AFTER COMMAND PILOTS NAME, SHOW IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD.

COLUMN 4 - AFTER ESCORT MISSION, SHOW IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREEMONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1944
(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:

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OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-44 (SERIAL 013) NWSEC WSP

ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 5 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
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D A T E	S H I P	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE- OFF	HOURS		AVE WIND		S P D.	D I S T.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY)	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
					IN AIR	ON MISS- ION	VEL. (KTS)	DIR					
7	K-87	LIEUT. LETT (10)	PATROL	0654	10.6	9.6	9	025t	56	540	5-10, 200-1500, 1-20	55 RDS 50 CAL 60 RDS 30 CAL 1 MK 23 PRAC BOMB 6 MK 23 PRAC BOMB	
7	K-103	ENS. JACKSON (11)	TEST	1331	1.0	1.0	VAP	VAP	40	80	VARIOUS	NONE	
7	K-103	LT. COMDR. KEIM (11)	TRAINING	1508	1.2	1.2	4-10	VAR	40	50	4-10, 200-UNL, 1-5	NONE	CONDUCTED LIFE RAFT TEST
8	K-79	LIEUT. ENGEL (10)	PATROL	0700	9.5	8.9	8	020t	50	440	5-15, 0-200, 5	NONE	
8	K-87	ENS. HAYNES (6)	ESCORT (1)	0755	10.3	9.7	15	300t	50	383	3-21, 0-700, 0-5	NONE	ESCORTED SS JOHN W. WEEKS
8	K-87	LT(JG) SUHR (4)	TRAINING	1321	3.1	3.1	15	270t	45	150	20, UNL, UNL	NONE	
8	K-103	LT(JG) CHRISLER (8)	PATROL	0938	7.8	6.3	15	010t	50	375	15, 150, 1000 YARDS	NONE	
9	K-71	LIEUT. KELLY (8)	TRAINING	0831	4.8	4.8	3	325t	40	220	0-6, 0-500, UNL	NONE	
9	K-71	ENS. KRITSCHMER (8)	TRAINING	1324	4.1	4.1	10	360t	40	150	5-10, UNL, 0-30	NONE	
9	K-79	ENS. AYERS (10)	PATROL	0455	10.8	10.0	12	360t	45	565	20, 0-UNL, 30	NONE	
9	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	ESCORT (1)	0527	16.7	16.0	4	300t	45	381	0-7, 0-600, 0-5	NONE	ESCORTED AP U S GRANT
9	K-103	LT(JG) GABEE (9)	PATROL	0737	10.3	9.6	12	360t	48	425	4-15, 0-250, 1-UNL	NONE	
10	K-71	ENS. MACREY (8)	TRAINING	0903	4.2	4.2	8	325t	40	220	8, 100-150, 0-1 FOG	NONE	
10	K-71	LIEUT. LEDURN (11)	TRAINING	1320	4.5	4.5	10	325t	20	80	10, 100-150, 0-1 FOG	NONE	
10	K-79	LT(JG) GUSTAFSON (11)	PATROL	0753	9.8	9.0	7	340t	45	480	5-10, 100-150, 0-1 FOG	NONE	
10	K-87	ENS. HAYNES (8)	ESCORT (1)	1324	6.7	6.6	7	30t	35	250	3-17, 0-UNL, 0-5	NONE	ESCORTED AP GENERAL W F HASE SOUTHWEST OUT OF THE STRAITS OF JUAN DE FUCA
10	K-103	LT(JG) CHRISLER (10)	PATROL	0734	8.6	8.3	10	325t	45	311	7-12, 100-500, 5	NONE	
11	K-79	LIEUT. WERFEL (10)	TRAINING	0901	4.1	4.1	6	090t	30	80	4-8, UNL, 12	NONE	
11	K-79	LT. COMDR. PEELER (11)	TRAINING	1337	.9	.9	2	060t	30	20	1-5, 1400, 8	NONE	CONDUCTED LIFE RAFT TESTS
11	K-79	ENS. AYERS (9)	TRAINING	1515	2.5	2.5	2	090t	30	60	1-5, 1500, 8	NONE	
11	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL	0728	8.2	7.9	5	220t	50	425	5, 0-500, 0-15	NONE	
11	K-103	LT(JG) GABEE (11)	PATROL	0736	10.2	9.9	6	360t	45	450	3-6, UNL, 15	NONE	
12	K-79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (10)	TRAINING	0904	4.0	4.0	10	120t	45	180	10, 500 FEET 10	NONE	
12	K-79	LT. COMDR. PEELER (10)	TRAINING	1328	.7	.7	10	220t	15	25	10, 5000, 10	NONE	CONDUCTED LIFE RAFT TESTS
12	K-79	LT(JG) CARTON (7)	TRAINING	1422	3.1	3.1	10	220t	25	80	10, 1500, 10	NONE	
12	K-79	LT(JG) LEVIN (9)	TRAINING	1738	2.5	2.5	10	220t	25	35	5-10, 1000, UNL	NONE	
12	K-87	ENS. HAYNES (8)	PATROL	0720	10.2	9.4	10	120t	40	360	7-12, 150-UNL, 0-25	1 MK 23 PRAC BOMB 100 RDS 30 CAL	
12	K-103	LT(JG) CHRISLER (8)	PATROL	0738	9.9	9.3	10	220t	50	467	7-12, 500, 3-10	NONE	
13	K-71	LT. COMDR. ODELL (13)	TEST	1428	.8	.8	20	220t	25	40	20, 1000-2000, 10	NONE	
13	K-79	LIEUT. KELLY (9)	TRAINING	0903	4.1	4.1	14	215t	25	80	14, UNL, 20	7 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 11 SMOKE FLARES	
13	K-79	LT. COMDR. PEELER (11)	TRAINING	1337	1.8	1.8	15	220t	30	35	15, UNL, 20	NONE	
13	K-79	LIEUT. LETT (6)	TRAINING	1750	1.7	1.7	15	220t	40	80	15, 1000, 20	1 MK 23 PRAC BOMB	
13	K-79	LT(JG) BABB (9)	TRAINING	1540	2.1	2.1	10	220t	30	80	5-10, UNL, 20	NONE	
13	K-87	ENS. HAYNES (8)	PATROL	0909	4.0	3.7	12	220t	50	200	11-21, UNL, 15-30	NONE	
13	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (10)	PERY	1335	4.3	4.3	14	250t	45	195	11-20, 1500, 20-25	NONE	
13	K-103	LT(JG) GABEE (9)	PATROL	0755	9.8	9.5	15	230t	45	450	15, UNL, UNL	NONE	
14	K-71	ENS. AYERS (9)	PATROL	0755	9.8	9.1	20	300t	47	400	20, UNL, 20	50 RDS 50 CAL	
14	K-79	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (10)	TRAINING	0904	4.4	4.4	12	300t	30	125	10-15, 15-20, UNL	2 MK 17 BOMBS 50 RDS 50 CAL 2 BRONZE SLICKS 1 SMOKE FLOAT	AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
14	K-79	LT. COMDR. PEELER (10)	TRAINING	1451	.5	.5	9	300t	30	40	7-10, 3000, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED LIFE RAFT TEST

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MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR

SEPTEMBER 1944

(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:

OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER

OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-4A (SERIAL 015) NW SEC, WSP

ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 5 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT:

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NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, TULLAHUTTA, WASHINGTON (ADVANCED OPERATING BASE #1)

NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, NORTH BEND, OREGON (ADVANCED OPERATING BASE #2)

DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS		AVE. WIND		S P D.	D I S T.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
					IN AIR	ON MISSION	VEL. (KTS)	DIR.					
23	K-103	ENS KNOTSCHKE (9)	TRAINING	0835	4.7	4.7	5	300t	40	240	4-5, UNL, 15-20	1 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 DYE MARKER	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
23	K-103	LT. COMDR. VELL (10)	TRAINING	1328	4.4	4.4	10	360t	35	100	10-15, UNL, UNL	2 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS 25 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 12 BRONZE SLICKS 250 RDS 30 CAL	AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AND BATTLE PRACTICE
23	K-119	ENS WALEN (8)	PATROL	0715	10.2	9.8	15	360t	50	500	15, UNL, UNL ABOVE FOG	NONE	PATROLED XRAY 7
24	K-71	LT(JG) ANDERSON (8)	PATROL	0654	11.3	10.0	10	290t	47	458	10, UNL, 30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY 5
24	K-79	LIEUT. ENGEL (8)	PATROL	0707	10.7	9.9	12	300t	50	450	5-15, 0-UNL, 0-UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
24	K-87	LT(JG) SUHR (9)	PATROL	0726	10.6	9.3	8	300t	48	432	0-10, 50-UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED YOKO 3
24	K-103	ENS JACKSON (10)	TRAINING	0830	4.9	4.9	7	360t	48	185	7-10, UNL, 5-10	60 RDS 50 CAL 1 BRONZE SLICK 12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 2 SMOKE FLIGHTS	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS AND MACHINE GUN PRACTICE
24	K-103	LT(JG) LEVIN (11)	TRAINING	1327	4.1	4.1	10	360t	50	200	5-15, UNL, 30	5 RDS 50 CAL	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
24	K-103	LT(JG) LEWIS (6)	TRAINING	1741	4.6	4.6	2	360t	45	180	2-UNL, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
24	K-119	LT(JG) BAEH (8)	PATROL	0743	8.7	8.3	25	360t	30	360	22-32, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
25	K-71	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	PATROL	0703	10.9	9.7	15	360t	45	450	10-25, UNL, UNL	50 RDS 50 CAL 2 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 FLOAT LIGHT	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
25	K-79	LT. COMDR. KEIM (10)	PATROL	0707	10.6	9.7	8	300t	50	450	5-12, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
25	K-87	LIEUT. HOSMER (8)	PATROL	0803	9.5	8.5	8	270t	48	450	8, 50-200, 5	10 RDS 30 CAL	PATROLED YOKO 4
25	K-103	LIEUT. ROHFEL (10)	TRAINING	0901	4.1	4.1	12	240t	50	200	6-12, 200-UNL, 1-6	10 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 2 MK 5 FLARE 2 MK 4 FLOAT LIGHTS	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
25	K-103	LT(JG) MARRIAGE (8)	TRAINING	1316	5.0	5.0	17	360t	35	180	15-19, 500, 0-1	12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 4 MK 5 FLOAT LIGHTS 8 MK 4 FLOAT LIGHTS 1 DYE MARKER	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS AND BATTLE PRACTICE
25	K-119	ENS WALEN (10)	PATROL	0723	10.7	9.5	10	270t	50	500	5-30, 0-UNL, 0-UNL	NONE	PATROLED XRAY 7
26	K-71	LT(JG) ANDERSON (9)	TRAINING	0854	4.2	4.2	5	350t	48	175	5, 100-UNL, 0-15	3 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 9 RDS 50 CAL 1 MK 4 FLOAT LIGHT	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS AND BATTLE PRACTICE
26	K-71	LIEUT. ENGEL (11)	TRAINING	1341	4.0	4.0	20	360t	30	150	18-22, UNL, UNL	1 DYE MARKER	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
26	K-71	LT(JG) CHRISTEN (8)	TRAINING	1753	3.9	3.9	5	200t	30	100	5, UNL, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
26	K-79	LIEUT. CAINE (8)	PATROL	0709	12.1	11.5	25	012t	36	440	35, UNL, UNL ABOVE FOG	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
26	K-87	ENS BROOKS (10)	PATROL	0728	8.9	8.6	5	180t	47	400	5, 5000, 30	NONE	PATROLED YOKO 3
26	K-103	LT(JG) GUSTAFSON (8)	PATROL	0650	11.1	9.9	7	360t	48	466	0-16, 0-500, 0-3	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
26	K-119	LIEUT. LETT (9)	PATROL	0659	10.7	9.5	10	360t	45	425	5-20, 0, 0	10 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 BRONZE SLICK	PATROLED XRAY 6
27	K-71	LT(JG) SUHR (9)	TRAINING	0908	4.1	4.1	8	360t	45	200	8, 2000, 20	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
27	K-71	LIEUT. ROHFEL (9)	TRAINING	1347	.8	.8	10	360t	20	16	5-10, UNL, 10-20	NONE	CONDUCTED LIFE RAFT TESTS
27	K-71	LT(JG) SUHR (9)	TRAINING	1439	.3	.3	8	360t	25	10	8, 2000, 20	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDING
27	K-71	LIEUT. ROHFEL (7)	TRAINING	1526	2.4	2.4	12	360t	30	60	10-15, UNL, 10-20	NONE	CONDUCTED LIFE RAFT TESTS
27	K-71	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	TRAINING	1753	1.6	1.6	12	360t	35	50	10, UNL, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
27	K-87	ENS HARPER (9)	PATROL	0724	10.3	10.0	11	200t	40	450	8-15, 0, 0	50 RDS 30 CAL	PATROLED YOKO 3
27	K-103	LT(JG) BAILEY (9)	PATROL	0650	10.8	9.7	16	340t	53	530	10-22, UNL, 12	4 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
27	K-119	LT(JG) BAEH (8)	PATROL	0737	8.8	8.6	19	360t	40	390	15-23, UNL, UNL ABOVE 700 FT	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
28	K-71	LT. COMDR. PEELER (10)	TRAINING	0927	1.7	1.7	5	180t	20	40	5, 300, 3	NONE	CONDUCTED LIFE RAFT TESTS
28	K-71	LT. COMDR. PEELER (10)	TRAINING	1115	1.9	1.9	5	200t	20	40	5, 400, 3	NONE	CONDUCTED LIFE RAFT TESTS
28	K-71	ENS WALEN (8)	TRAINING	1333	4.2	4.2	10	225t	42	175	10, 450, 2	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS

NOTE: COLUMN 10-AVE. GROUND SPEED IN KNOTS.

COLUMN 11-TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN.

COLUMN 3-AFTER COMMAND PILOTS NAME, SHOW IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD.

COLUMN 4-AFTER ESCORT MISSION, SHOW IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED.

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREEMONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER
(MONTH)

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS OF ATTACKS, RESCUES, ACCIDENTS, AND OTHER EVENTS OF PARTICULAR HISTORICAL VALUE.

AIR-SEA-LAND RESCUE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY THIS COMMAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVE OF COMPAINTSHIPAG. SPECIAL GEAR AS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED WAS EMPLOYED.

A. MODIFIED MARK IV LIFE RAFT STRIPPED OF ALL ACCESSORIES EXCEPT REPAIR PACKETS AND CONTENTS. A SMALL CARGO TYPE NET AROUND THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE RAFT HAS BEEN ADDED.

B. ALIVE MESH (REPLACING ORIGINAL BOTTOM OF RAFT) MADE OF 1/8 INCH HARD WIRE WITH 1 INCH MESH. FRAME OF MESH MADE OF 7/8 INCH CHROMIALLY STEEL TUBING SHAPED TO FIT 3 INCHES FROM SIDES OF RAFT AT THE BOTTOM.

C. CHAFING STRIPS CEMENTED TO BOTTOM AND TOP OF RAFT.

D. SMALL BECKET PATCH CEMENTED TO STERN OF RAFT FOR SECURING TAG LINE.

E. RUBBERIZED FABRIC CHANNELING WITH EYELETS CEMENTED AROUND INSIDE OF RAFT FOR SECURING MESH.

F. FOUR POINT SUSPENSION WIRE BRIDLE SPLICED TO EDGES OF MESH.

G. MARK VII NO. 3-R-488 TARETOW WINCH FOR LIFE RAFT HOIST.

H. 300' 3/16 CDS AVIATION WIRE WITH 4" SOFT EYE IN ONE END.

I. WINCH MOUNT TO STAND 30 INCHES OVER BOMB BAY HATCH.

J. STERN TAG LINE OF 18 T.D. MANILA- 200 FT. (THIS IS RIGGED THROUGH A STERN WINDOW, THROUGH A THREE INCH METAL BLOCK, CENTERED TO THE BECKET PATCH ON STERN OF RAFT.)

K. FORWARD TAG LINE OF 200' 18 T.D. MANILA. SECURED TO A TWO FINGER PATCH ON BOW OF RAFT AND LED THROUGH 3" METAL BLOCK SUSPENDED FROM SHORT LINE LOAD RING AT ENVELOPE, AND BACK TO MACHINE GUN TURRET.

11 SEPTEMBER K-79, PILOT LT. COMDR. PEELER, RETRIEVED 200 LBS. BALLAST FROM MAT. THE AIRSHIP WAS IN EQUILIBRIUM AND THERE WAS NO WIND.

12 SEPTEMBER K-79, PILOT LT. COMDR. PEELER, RETRIEVED MAN FROM MAT. WEATHER AND AIRSHIP CONDITION THE SAME AS ON 11 SEPTEMBER.

13 SEPTEMBER K-79, PILOT LT. COMDR. PEELER, PICKED UP A MAN ADRIPT AT SEA IN A LIFE RAFT. WIND 8 KNOTS AND AIRSHIP CONDITION AS ON 11 SEPTEMBER.

13 SEPTEMBER K-79, PILOT LT. COMDR. PEELER, RETRIEVED A MAN SWIMMING AT SEA. WEATHER AND AIRSHIP CONDITION SAME.

14 SEPTEMBER K-79, PILOT LT. COMDR. PEELER, RETRIEVED A MAN FROM A SMALL FIELD. WEATHER AND AIRSHIP CONDITION AS ON 11 SEPTEMBER.

8 SEPTEMBER K-87, PILOT LT.(JG) SUHR DURING A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY, 3 1/2 HOURS, TOOK FOR SHORT FLIGHTS 61 OF THE PERSONNEL BASED AT NAAS QUILLATUTE.

18 SEPTEMBER K-103, PILOT LT.(JG) CHRISLER, WAS ORDERED TO SEARCH FOR A FISHERMAN'S BODY IN THE VICINITY OF CAPE FOULWEATHER, RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

19 SEPTEMBER K-119, HAVING RECEIVED REPAIRS AT NAS, MOFFETT FIELD, RETURNED TO THIS SQUADRON AND RESUMED OPERATIONS.

22 SEPTEMBER K-71, PILOT LT.(JG) CHRISLER, WHILE ON AN OPERATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHT WAS ORDERED TO CONDUCT A SEARCH FOR A CRASHED PLANE IN THE VICINITY OF THE NEHALEM RIVER. AFTER A SEARCH FOR AN HOUR THE K-71 WAS ORDERED TO RETURN TO BASE ON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION THAT THE REPORT OF THE LOSS OF THE PLANE WAS ERRONEOUS.

THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 73 CHALLENGES OF MERCHANT VESSELS DURING THE MONTH. THERE WERE NO NON-OPERATIONAL DAYS DURING THE MONTH.

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS						AIRSHIP OPERATIONS							PILOT FLIGHT DATA						
MISSION	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS		FLIGHT HOURS		TOTAL GROUND MILES	AIRSHIP	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS		AVAILABLE	FLIGHT HOURS		TOTAL GROUND MILES	PILOT CLASS	NUMBER FLIGHTS	AVE. PILOTS AS'GND	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	AVE. FLIGHT HOURS	HIGH-EST HOURS	LOW-EST HOURS
	DAY	NITE	AIR	MISSION	FLOWN		DAY	NITE		AIR	MISSION	FLOWN							
ESCORT	5		52.8	50.4	1819	K- 71	37		27	239.4	227.3	9242	SENIOR	69	16	444.1	25.9	39.2	7.4
ESCORT-PATROL	1		12.9	12.3	480	K- 79	48		27	281.8	268.8	11449	JUNIOR	227	28	1683.9	60.1	100.3	19.7
PATROL	82		805.8	751.2	34831	K- 87	30		24	229.2	217.0	9620	TOTAL		66	3315.8	141.8		
PATROL-UTILITY	0					K- 103	32		27	259.4	245.3	11018	NO.OF COMBAT CREWS AS'GND. LAST DAY OF MONTH— <u>16</u>						
SEARCH	0					K- 119	11		11	106.9	99.4	4797	NO.OF SHIPS ASSIGNED LAST DAY OF MONTH— <u>5</u>						
SEARCH-PATROL	0					K-							ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES						
TRAINING	62		211.7	211.7	7306	K-							DEPTH BOMBS				9		
TRAINING-PATROL	0					K-							MINIATURE BOMBS				218		
UTILITY	1		2.8	2.5	175	K-							.50 CALIBER MACHINE-GUN				1340		
TEST	4		5.1	5.1	240	K-							BRONZE SLICKS				30		
MISC.	3		25.6	24.6	1275	K-							FLOAT LIGHTS				48		
TOTAL	158		1116.7	1057.8	46126	TOTAL	158		116	1116.7	1057.8	46126	PYROTECHNICS				10		

NOTE: AIRSHIP OPERATIONS, AVAILABLE COLUMN-NUMBER OF DAYS EACH SHIP WAS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS.

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